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FOL DAMASCUS 2652 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO AMMAN ATHENS  
JIDDA LONDON RIYADH MAY 10, 1978 REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, SY

SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT: REPORT OF NEW RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF FORD TRUC  
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IN TRANSCONTINENTAL SHIPMENTS

REF: A. STATE 115530; B. AMMAN 4111

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY COMMERCIAL OFFICER, AUSTRIAN  
EMBASSY HERE THAT SIX FORD TRUCKS, OWNED BY AUSTRIAN FIRM,  
HAVE BEEN HELD UP AT SYRIAN PORT OF TARTOUS. AUSTRIAN  
COMMERCIAL ATTACHE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY SAUDI INVOLVEMENT.

2. EMBASSY RAISED MATTER WITH DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORT, SARG  
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, WHO WAS UNAWARE OF ANY SPECIFIC  
PROBLEM. SARG PRACTICE NORMALLY ALLOWS TRANSIT OF FORD  
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TRUCKS AFTER ISSUANCE OF APPROPRIATE LETTER FROM MINISTRY.

3. PRIVATE FREIGHT FORWARDING SOURCE INDICATED THAT WHILE  
"NOTHING OFFICIAL" HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED, HE WAS AWARE  
"INFORMALLY" THAT TRANSIT OF FORD TRUCKS THROUGH THE PORT  
OF TARTOUS HAD BEEN RESTRICTED FOR THE PAST THREE MONTHS.  
SAME SOURCE ALSO OBSERVED, HOWEVER, THAT TRANSIT BY FORD

TRUCKS THAT ENTER SYRIA VIA PORT OF TRIPOLI IN LEBANON  
WAS NOT RPT NOT RESTRICTED.

4. AUSTRIAN COMMERCIAL ATTACHE INFORMED EMBOFF THAT  
SARG MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FOREIGN TRADE HAD ISSUED A  
LETTER TO THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT REQUESTING PERMISSION  
FOR THESE SIX FORD TRUCKS TO PROCEED. ATTACHE IS OPTIMISTIC  
THAT REQUEST WILL BE APPROVED, BUT NOTED THAT LETTER  
APPLIED ONLY TO THIS PARTICULAR CASE.

5. COMMENT: AUSTRIAN EXAMPLE CITED ABOVE SUGGESTS THAT  
ACTION BY OWNER OF TRUCKS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF HIS  
EMBASSY MAY BE BEST MEANS TO RESOLVE SUCH QUESTIONS. THIS  
PARTICULAR CASE APPEARS TO BE ON WAY TO RESOLUTION  
BUT WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW ITS PROGRESS THROUGH  
AUSTRIAN EMBASSY WITH VIEW TO DETERMINING WHETHER ANY  
FURTHER INTERVENTION ON OUR PART WOULD BE USEFUL.  
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